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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

IN RE: CATHODE RAY TUBE (CRT)
ANTITRUST LITIGATION

Case No. CV-07-5944 SC

This Document Relates to:

***Orion Home Systems, LLC v. Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd., et al.,*
Case No. CV-08-0178 SC**

REQUEST FOR INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE

Courtroom: 1, 17th Floor
Judge: The Honorable Samuel Conti

1 The United States District Court for the Northern District of California presents its
2 compliments to the Appropriate Judicial Authority of Singapore, and requests international
3 assistance to effect Service of Process to be used in a civil proceeding before this Court in the
4 action titled *Orion Home Systems, LLC v. Chunghwa Picture Tubes, Ltd., et al.*, Case No. CV-08-
5 0178 SC.

6 | I. REQUEST

7 This Court requests the assistance described herein as necessary in the interests of justice.
8 The assistance requested is that the Appropriate Judicial Authority of Singapore effect Service of
9 Process of the: Summons in a Civil Case; Class Action Complaint; Order Setting Case
10 Management Conference/ Order Re Timely Filing of Pleadings, Briefs, Motions, Etc./ Standing
11 Order for All Judges of the Northern District of California; Consent to Proceed Before a United
12 States Magistrate Judge; and ECF Registration Information Handout on the below named
13 business entity, a named defendant in this action:

Hitachi Asia, Ltd.
16 Collyer Quay, #20-00 Hitachi Tower
Singapore 049318

16 The Appropriate Judicial Authority of Singapore is requested to serve the documents
17 listed above by personal service into the hands of a director, managing agent or other person
18 authorized to accept service, or in a manner of service consistent with the law of Singapore.

II. FACTS OF THIS CASE

21 Plaintiff filed a class action complaint against several manufacturers of televisions,
22 computer monitors, and other electronic devices, including defendant Hitachi Asia, Ltd., for
23 conspiring to fix the price of cathode ray tube products (“CRTs”) in violation of United States
24 antitrust laws. Plaintiff purchased CRTs in the United States directly from defendants. Plaintiff
25 alleges that beginning at least as early as January 1, 1995, the exact date being unknown to
26 plaintiff, named defendants conspired, combined and contracted to fix, raise, maintain, and
27 stabilize the prices at which CRTs were sold in the United States. Defendants, by and through
their officers, directors, employees, agents, or other representatives, entered in a continuing

1 contract, combination or conspiracy to unreasonably restrain trade and commerce in violation of
 2 Section 1 of the Sherman Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C. §1. As a result, Plaintiff was forced to pay
 3 more for CRTs than they would have paid in a competitive CRT market. For its injuries, Plaintiff
 4 is requesting treble damages and an injunction enjoining defendants' anti-competitive activity
 5 under sections 4 and 16 of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 15 and 26.

6 **III. RECIPROCITY**

7 The United States District Court for the Northern District of California is willing to
 8 provide similar assistance to the judicial authorities of Singapore.

9 **IV. REIMBURSEMENT FOR COSTS**

10 Counsel for plaintiff is willing to ensure reimbursement to the judicial authorities of
 11 Singapore for costs incurred in executing this letter rogatory. If the cost of executing this Court's
 12 letter rogatory exceeds \$500.00, the judicial authorities of Singapore are requested to contact the
 13 following counsel for plaintiff:

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18 **V. TIME TO RESPOND**

19 In acknowledgment of the additional time which is needed to prepare and file a
 20 responsive pleading to the attached documents, the time period is extended to 45 days after
 21 service.

22 Dated: 2/13, 2008.

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